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AGORA – Center for promotion of civic values

INTRODUCTION

In 2023, AGORA – Center for the Promotion of Civic Values remained steadfast in its commitment to strengthening civic participation, promoting democratic principles, and advancing gender equality at both local and national level. Throughout the year, the organization successfully concluded initiatives launched in 2022, marking 2023 as a period of reflection on key achievements. This included assessing the impact of its efforts in supporting local community development, fostering strategic partnerships, engaging in networks, and laying the groundwork for future activities planned for 2024.

KEY ACHIEVMENTS

Throughout 2023, AGORA remained committed to its mission by assessing and refining the impact of past initiatives, strengthening partnerships, and strategically planning future activities. The year served as a pivotal period for consolidating previous efforts and preparing for enhanced civic engagement in 2024. Key accomplishments included:

1. Reflection and Evaluation of Civic Engagement Programs

- Conducting closing and review of the following initiatives completed in 2022:

  - EU funded project "FISCAST Network - Enhancing dialogue for higher municipal financial transparency, with focus on para-fiscal charges"
  - "Leap to success" grant project funded under the WBF/EU Joint Action and
  - UN Women funded project "Participate Loudly and Demand"

- Gathering insights to inform the development of new projects aimed at addressing emerging needs within local communities.

2. Expansion of Strategic Partnerships and Networking

- Strengthening collaborations with national and international organizations to ensure a more robust civic sector.

- Facilitating knowledge exchange and best practices among stakeholders to support sustainable advocacy efforts.

3. Laying the Foundation for Future Initiatives

- Anticipating opportunities and planning activities for applying on civic participation projects for 2024, with a particular focus on youth engagement, gender equality, and sustainable development.

- Aligning organizational strategies with evolving community needs to maximize impact and outreach.

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CHALLENGES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

AGORA's reflective work in 2023 positioned the organization for a proactive approach in 2024, ensuring continuity and innovation in strengthening civic values and democratic participation. However, it faced challenges, such as limited financial resources. In 2024, the organization will continue working on initiatives that are in line with its mission for strengthening the civic sector and fostering inclusive and democratic societies.